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## Order of Exercises

- I. Call to order.
- II. Secretary calls the roll, & reads the Journal
- III. Judicial Committee's report.
- IV. Critic's report.
- V. Composition & Poem.
- VI. Discussion of the question.
  - I. By disputants. ten minutes each.
  - II. By house (35 minutes) seven minutes each member
- VII. Decision of the Question
- VIII. Report of Verbal Critics.
- IX. Appointments for two weeks.
- X. Miscellaneous Business.
- XI. Adjournment.

Marble, May

A. H. Stanton

President

J. Webster, Secy

Secretary



Foster-  
Secretary-

*Constitution and By-laws of the  
First Session of the  
of the Antislavery Society  
Middlebury College Sept 1832*

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Secretary*



First Division

of the

Philomathesian

Society.

W. D. Davis

Secretary



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Scribes of the 1st Division.

1st M. S. Mead.

2nd J. B. Orwey

3rd H. P. Foster

4th ~~Thomas~~! J. H. Davis,

L. S. Cheney, O. Wilcox, A. Rankin & Presidents

united to mold  
Middlebury College  
1850



# Constitution!!

## Constitution.

### Preamble.

According to Article 4<sup>th</sup> of the amendments made to the General Constitution Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1852; we, the members of the ~~First Division of the~~ Philomathesian Society, for the government of our meetings and for improvement in composition and disputation, adopt the following

### Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 1<sup>st</sup>. There shall be a President, to which office Seniors alone shall be eligible, whose duty it shall be to preside and preserve order in all meetings of the First Division of the Philomathesian Society—, and to call extra meetings of the same whenever he shall deem it necessary.

Section 2<sup>nd</sup>. The President shall have power to impose a fine, not exceeding fifty cents on any member for each and every violation of the laws, or disturbance of the order of the Division at any session of the same.

Section 3<sup>rd</sup>. There shall be a Vice President, chosen only from the Junior Class, whose duty it shall be to act in all the capacities of the President, in his absence or resignation.

Sec. 4<sup>th</sup>. In case of the absence both of the President and Vice President, their official duties shall devolve on the highest officer of the Judicial Committee present.



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Duties

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Sec. 5<sup>th</sup>. There shall be a Secretary, eligible from the Sophomore class only, whose duty it shall be to keep a correct journal of the proceedings of the Division; to transmit to the Judicial Committee within three days after each session, the names of all delinquents, and persons fined by the presiding officer, with the amount of their fines; to keep an exact account of all fines assessed, and, one week previous to the close of each term, to transmit to ~~the~~ the general Society the names of all persons fined with the amount of fines against each one. He shall also perform such other duties, pertaining to his office, as the President may direct.

Secretary

and

Sec. 6<sup>th</sup>. It shall also be the duty of the Secretary to record in that part of this book immediately succeeding the Constitution, all resolutions, passed by the <sup>Division</sup> Society, which in any way affect the Constitution, and make references from the same, to the articles of the Constitution which they may affect.

Judicial

Sec. 7<sup>th</sup>. There shall be a Judicial Committee, consisting of three, one from each of the three upper classes, whose duty it shall be to receive from the Secretary ~~and~~ ~~Exitors~~ the names of all delinquents; to receive and examine and judge of all excuses presented therefor in writing; to assess fines as specified in the By-Laws, and to make their official report at each meeting of the Division.

Committee.

Sec. 8<sup>th</sup>. They shall meet on Tuesday of each week, at such time and place as they think proper, to consider such excuses as may have been handed to them. No



# Constitution.

excuse shall be accepted unless approved by a majority of the Committee.

Judicial  
Committee.

Sec. 9<sup>th</sup> It shall also be the duty of the Judicial Committee to see all Laws of the Division faithfully executed; to inspect the conduct of Officers, and when they deem it necessary, to arraign them or any member before the Division.

Duties

Sec. 10<sup>th</sup> There shall be one Critic, chosen from the Senior Class, whose duty it shall be to read criticisms on the written productions exhibited; and in case any poet or composer fails to hand to him their production within one day after the meeting, to report the delinquent to the Secretary within two days after the meeting.

of

the

Critics.

Sec. 11<sup>th</sup> There shall be two verbal Critics, eligible from either the junior or Senior Class. It shall be their duty immediately after the decision of the question at each session to make criticisms. The first shall criticise the matter and argument, the logical and rhetorical manner of conducting, with all the errors pertaining to these departments. The province of the second Critic embraces manner of speaking, grammatical mistakes, and all other points not included under the duties of the first.

Appointment  
of verbal  
Critics.

Sec. 12<sup>th</sup> The verbal Critics shall be appointed at every third weekly meeting by the presiding officer.

Election  
of

Officers.

Sec. 13<sup>th</sup> All other officers shall be elected semi-annually by ballot on the Wednesday preceding the examination for degrees and at the last weekly meeting of the (Fall Term).



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By Laws

Chapter 1.

Time and  
place  
of  
meeting.

Section 1<sup>st</sup>

This Division shall meet  
statedly every Wednesday, at such time as  
it may see fit, and at such place as the  
Prudential Committee of the General So-  
ciety may assign.

Calling  
of the  
roll.

Sec. 2<sup>nd</sup>

The President having called  
the house to order, the Secretary shall  
call the roll and read the proceedings  
of the last meetings, the Judicial Com-  
mittee report, the Critic report, and his

Reports.

criticisms to the owners of the respective pie-  
ces, the composer and poet previously ap-  
pointed, shall read their productions be-  
fore the Division and deliver them to  
the Critic. Then a question shall be dis-  
cussed by four disputants previously ap-  
pointed.

Discussion  
of the  
question

Sec. 3<sup>rd</sup>

After the discussion of the  
question by the regular disputants, it shall  
come before the house for further discus-  
sion, which shall be limited to thirty-five  
minutes; and no member shall speak  
longer than seven minutes, nor more  
than once. After the discussion the ques-  
tion shall be decided by yeas and nays  
according to the weight of argument. After  
the decision of the question, the verbal  
critics shall report. Then the appointments  
shall be taken for two weeks; after which,  
miscellaneous business shall be in or-  
der.

Time  
allowed  
to each  
speaker.

Decision  
of the  
question.

Regular  
disputants

Sec. 4<sup>th</sup>

No regular disputant shall  
speak longer than ten minutes; or more  
than twice, except for particular explan-



ation. No regular disputant or substitute shall have a vote in the decision of the question.

Compo- Sec. 5<sup>th</sup> Compositions and poems shall  
sitions and not exceed in length, ten minutes.

poems Sec. 6<sup>th</sup> No member shall perform more  
than one appointment at the same meeting of  
the Division.

Appointment- Sec. 7<sup>th</sup> The disputants and composers  
of performance of their respective parts, by volun-  
disputants, tary acceptance on the calling of the roll;  
If these appointments are not filled, the Pres-  
composer, ident shall supply the deficiency by selection  
from the members present.

and Sec. 8<sup>th</sup> A poet shall be appointed,  
once in three weeks, three weeks before the perform-  
poet. ance of his part, by voluntary acceptance on  
the calling of the roll, or by the President, if not  
taken voluntarily.

Order Sec. 9<sup>th</sup> The foregoing appointments  
shall be taken in the following order: 1<sup>st</sup> dispu-  
tants; 2<sup>nd</sup> composers; 3<sup>rd</sup> poet, when necessary.  
of In calling the roll for the appointments, the  
Secretary shall begin at each meeting with  
the one last called at the preceding meeting;  
appoint- except any exercise be dispensed with, in which  
ments. case, the appointees for each exercise shall  
have an opportunity to renew their ap-  
pointments.

Proxy Sec. 10<sup>th</sup> No member shall be allowed  
to take an appointment by proxy.

Questions Sec. 11<sup>th</sup> Every question for disputation  
shall be delivered to the Secretary in writing,  
signed by at least two of the disputants, and by  
him read before the Division, one week pre-  
vious to its discussion.



By-Laws.

Chapter 2.

*Fines.* Sec. 1<sup>st</sup>. Any member of this Division shall be fined for absence from any regular meeting of the Division, fifteen cents; for tardiness or egression, ten cents; for egression while a member is speaking or reading, fifteen cents; except he return within ten minutes; for failure to deliver to the critic the production exhibited at any session, within the succeeding <sup>day</sup> ten cents. If the disputants fail to hand a question to the Secretary, as prescribed in the last section of the preceding Chapter, five cents each. Provided, in all these cases, a valid, written excuse is not given to some one of the Judicial Committee, within five days after. (See Amendments.)\*

Sec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. If any member be absent from any meeting at which he has an appointment, he shall be fined both for the absence and failure; but a valid excuse for the absence shall suffice for both.

Sec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. No member shall be fined while absent from College more than five days.

*Vacations* Sec. 4<sup>th</sup>. No meeting of the Division shall be held during College vacations, of which the first five weeks of the Spring term shall be considered a part.

*Quorum.* Sec. 5<sup>th</sup>. A majority of the members of the Division, liable to be fined for absence shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all ordinary business.

Sec. 6<sup>th</sup>. If any member of the Division shall, at any of its meetings, be guilty of



By-Laws.

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Fines for disorder. or punished by a fine not exceeding fifty cents, ~~imposed by the President~~, or by suspension not longer than six months, or expulsion inflicted by the Division.

Appeal. Sec. 7<sup>th</sup> Any person, fined by the presiding officer, shall have the privilege of appealing to the Judicial Committee, any time within five days after the fine was imposed.

Trial. Sec. 8<sup>th</sup> No person shall be punished by suspension or expulsion, without the privilege of a trial before the Division or without the concurrence of two thirds of the members present.

Arraign- ment. Sec. 9<sup>th</sup> No member shall be tried by the Division without first having been arraigned before the Division by the Judicial Committee, and impeached by the Division, and notified of the same by the Secretary, one week before the trial.

and impeachment. Sec. 10<sup>th</sup> If any member having been arraigned by the Judicial Committee, shall be impeached by the Division, the Division shall proceed to appoint a time for the trial at least one week from the time of impeachment.

Manual. Sec. 11<sup>th</sup> In the ~~discussion~~ decision of all questions of parliamentary practice, which may arise in the meetings of the Division, Cushing's Manual shall be authority; except in cases in which it may conflict with some part of the Constitution.



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By-Laws.

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Amend-  
ments.

Sec. 12<sup>th</sup> This code of By-Laws may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, at any regular meeting of the Division.  
(Sec. 13<sup>th</sup> See Amendments.)

Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws.

March 23. 1853.

Resolved,

Sec 10<sup>th</sup>  
Consti-  
tution.

That the words "within two days after the meeting" be inserted after the 10<sup>th</sup> Section of the Constitution.

Resolved,

Sec 7<sup>th</sup>  
Consti-  
tution

That Sec. 7 of the Constitution be amended by striking out the words, "and critics."

May 28<sup>th</sup> 1853.

Resolved,

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Sec 1<sup>st</sup>  
Chap 2<sup>nd</sup>  
By-Laws.

That Sec. 1<sup>st</sup> of Chapter 2<sup>nd</sup> of the By-Laws be amended by adding the following clause: "The Senior Class, during the Summer Term, shall be fined only for failure to fulfill voluntary appointments."

Resolved,

Chap. 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Sec. 13<sup>th</sup>

That the code of By-Laws be amended by the addition of the following article: Every member of this Division shall record his name in that part of the Secretary's book, next preceding the Journal.



Oct 12th. 1853

Section 12<sup>th</sup>  
Constitution

Resolved.

That the 12<sup>th</sup> Section of the Constitution be amended by striking out the word "third".

March 22nd 1854.

Section 1<sup>st</sup>  
Chapter 2<sup>nd</sup>  
By Laws

Resolved.

That Sec 1<sup>st</sup> Chap 2<sup>nd</sup> of By Laws be amended by adding. "If a disputant fails to fulfill his appointment he shall be fined fifteen cents".

Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 1854.

Section 1<sup>st</sup>  
Chapter 2<sup>nd</sup>  
By Laws

~~Resolved~~

That Sec 1<sup>st</sup> Chap 2<sup>nd</sup> of By Laws be amended by adding. "If any member fails to read a Composition or Poem he shall be fined 15 cts"

Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 1854.

Section 1<sup>st</sup>  
Chap 2<sup>nd</sup>  
By Laws

~~Resolved~~

That the last preceding Resolution in relation to Sec 1<sup>st</sup> Chap 2<sup>nd</sup> of By Laws be amended so as to read "If any member fails to read a poem or Composition he shall be fined for failing to read a Composition 15 cts, a poem 5 cts."



# Names of Members

B. Darwin Ames.  
 William R. Bacon.  
 Lyman J Cheney  
 D. G. Hooker  
 Henry James  
 William Hayes.  
 Charles M. May  
 W. W. Walker

Benz. Labaree Jr.  
 Andrew E. Rankin  
 C. Wilcox  
 E. M. Torrey  
 J. C. Fentun

G. S. Boardman  
 J. W. Clark jr.  
 Anna Cayser  
 Edwin C. Johnson  
 Martin L. Mead  
 N. Pratt.

D. B. Dewey  
 Charles M. Mead.  
 Allen Tupper  
 Eugene B. Wheeler  
 Henry D. Foster.  
 J. C. Labaree.

C. W. Seaton  
 S. Y. Allen  
 J. J. Warren  
 J. H. Davis.  
 William Addy  
 E. H. Torrey  
 Lewis A. Austin

A. V. Train  
 Brainerd Kellogg  
 Wm. H. Walker  
 A. W. Wild  
 Mat M. Ambrose  
 Albert J. Dutton  
 Henry M. Barnum  
 Ephraim Kellogg  
 Henry V. Kellogg  
 Henry Winst  
 Edwin J. Thompson  
 William R. Shipman  
 S. M. Howard.



# Journal

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Hall of the First Division  
of the Phil. Soc, Sep 28<sup>th</sup> 1852

At the ringing of the bell, the Division met and the meeting was called to order by May. Bacon was appointed Chairman and M. L. Mead Secretary. Walker, of the committee on framing the constitution, then made his report, which was received. A motion to adopt the whole at one vote was lost. A motion to adopt it article by article was carried. The different articles of the Constitution and By Laws were then discussed and after various amendments adopted. The Division then passed a vote of thanks to the committee on the constitution for their services. The Division then proceeded to the election of officers. Walker, May, Hooker, Cheney and James were successively chosen to fill the Presidential chair, and resigned. Walker was again <sup>elected</sup> ~~re-elected~~ but persisted in his resignation. A motion was then made to proceed to elect vice Pres. but was lost.

Ames was then elected President. Rankin and Bosworth were then successively elected vice Presidents and resigned. Labaree was then elected and showed his patriotism by consenting to serve the Division in the capacity of vice Pres. M. L. Mead was elected Sec. For Judicial Committee Hooker, Wilcox & Johnson. for Critic May. The chair then appointed James & Rankin verbal critics.

The following appointments were taken for two weeks hence. Disputants Cheney, Hooker, Bosworth and Wilcox. Comprose Walker. For Poet three weeks hence James.

Volunteer appointments for one week hence were then taken Disputants Bacon Walker Bosworth & Pratt.

The Division then adjourned. M. L. Mead Sec.



Hall of First Division Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 52

The Division met as usual. Vice President, Labaree in the chair, the roll was called and journal read by the Secretary. A motion to dispense with the debate was carried. The following appointments were taken for two weeks hence. Disputants Boardman, Pratt, Bacon and Keyes, Composers Bosworth. The Division then adjourned. The following is the grade of exercise for the next meeting.

1<sup>st</sup> Composition by Walker  
 2<sup>d</sup> Disputation by Cheney, Hooker, Bosworth and Wilcox.

M. S. Allen Sec.

Hall of First Division  
 Oct, 13, 1852

The Division met & was called to order by the Vice President. The Secretary being absent G. S. Boardman, was elected Sec. pro tem. The roll was then called; the journal of the last session read, and the report of the Judicial Com. presented. Mr Walker read a Composition.

The discussion of the question followed in which Messrs Hooker & Wilcox spoke on the affirmative Messrs ~~Cheney~~ & Bosworth on the negative.

The question then came before the house and was further discussed by Mr Walker, after which the question was decided according to weight of argument in affirmative.

The house then being open for miscellaneous business. Walker moved that a committee be appointed to confer with the members of the second Division concerning a public debate, the motion being carried Messrs Walker and Hooker were appointed for that purpose.

Appointments were taken for two weeks hence as follows Debate Bosworth, Wilcox, Pratt & Steele, composition Bacon. The Division then adjourned. G. S. Boardman, Sec. pro tem



# Order of Exercises for Oct 20

Composition Bosworth

Poem James

Debate, Question, Ought a government to colonize its convicts?

Affirmative, Bacon and Pratt

Negative, Keyes and Boardman.

G. S. Bruce per

First Division Hall Oct 20<sup>th</sup> '52

The Division met as usual. Vice President in the chair. The Secretary called the roll, and read the journal of the last meeting. Hooker of the Judicial Committee reported. The Critic had no report. A composition from Bosworth was then listened to, after which (the poet being absent) came the discussion. The question whether a government ought to colonize its convicts was very ably discussed by Bacon & Pratt in the affirmative. But they were stoutly met by their opponents Keyes & Boardman.

Coming before the Division, the question was ably & warmly discussed by May, Walker, C. M. Mud and Cheney. The Secretary then proceeded to call for the yeas and nays on the decision of the question according to the weight of argument. When Cheney's name was called he remarked that he had not heard all of the debate, but he should vote in the negative. His right to vote was questioned by May on the ground that having heard but part of the discussion he could not be prepared to give an impartial vote. Several other members gave their opinion on the subject. After which the chair decided that Cheney had a right to vote.

The decision of the Chair was appealed from. The question of the appeal was discussed by Walker, May, Wilcox, Keyes & others. But the chair was sustained.

The Sec. then proceeded to call the roll, and the



question was decided in the negative by unanimous vote. Appointments for two weeks hence were taken as follows. Disputants Cheney, Keyes, Walker & Bosworth. Composer Bacon. Johnson was appointed to read a poem three weeks hence. The chair then appointed Hooker & Bacon verbal critics, after which the Division adjourned.

M. L. Mead Sec.

Order of Exercise for Oct 27

I Composition by Wm. M. Bacon

II Discussion. Question Does the Bar afford a greater field for the display of eloquence than the Pulpit

Aff. { Shaler  
Wilcox

Neg.

{ Bosworth  
Pratt

M. L. Mead Sec.

First Division Room Nov. 3 1852

The Division was called to order by the Vicepresident.

The Roll was then called, and Journal read by the Sec.

The Judicial Comm. made no report. After the critic reported Bacon read a composition. Then came the discussion of the following question.

"Does the Bar afford a greater field for the display of eloquence than the Pulpit?"

Bosworth supported the affirmative; and Cheney and Walker the negative.

After the question came before the Division, it was farther discussed by May, Pratt & Wilcox.

It was then decided, upon calling the roll, by a vote of three to one, that the gentleman on the affirmative maintained their side most ably.

Bacon, one of the verbal critics, <sup>then</sup> performed his duty. After this appointments for two weeks after were taken as follows.



Disputants Wiley, Pratt, C.M. Mead, and May.  
Composer Walker.

In consideration of the question whether those who had not heard all of the debate ought to be allowed to vote on the decision of the question, May introduced the following resolution

"Resolved: that no member of the Division shall be allowed to vote upon the merits of the argument, who, either by tardiness or egression, shall fail to hear, at least, a part of each argument presented to the Division by the respective disputants." This resolution was adopted; The Division then adjourned.

M. L. Mead Secretary

### Order of exercise for Nov 17<sup>th</sup>

1. Composition of Bacon  
2. Debate. Question "Will continued <sup>Imm</sup>igration-  
endanger the interests of this country?"

C. M. May } Off.  
C. M. Mead }

Arg { E. Wiley  
N. Pratt.

M. L. Mead Scribe.

Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> 1852

Agreeably to the notice, previously posted, immediately after the general Soc. adjourned the Division was called to order by the President. After calling the roll & reading the journal, the Judicial's report was called for; but the chairman of that Comm. was then out after his report. The critic having no report Walker moved to take the appointment for the first two meetings of next term while the committee was absent after his report. May thought the motion out of order, but the chair decided that the motion was in order. Just at this time Horner of the Jud. Com. appeared with his report. Whereupon Walker withdrew his motion the com reported, and



the Division proceeded to elect the following officers.

First they tendered the honors of the Presidency to Ames, but he resigned. Cheney was then elected President. Wilcox vice Pres. M. L. Mead Secretary. The Judicial Committee next elected consist of May, Rankin & Daynes.

O. G. Hooker received the appointment of Critic.

No farther business being presented, the Division then adjourned.

M. L. Mead Sec.

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1853.

The Division met as usual; the president and vice-president being absent the house was called to order by the first Judicial Committee.

The Secretary being absent a secretary pro tem was appointed who called the roll and read the Journal of the last meeting. Just then Cheney, the president, made his appearance and took the Chair. Then May made an objection to the report just read, and moved that the adoption of said report be deferred. The Chair decided that out of order, stating that if the report passed that meeting it could not be amended thereafter. May then appealed to house; which sustained the Chair.

The Judicial Committee made no report. Critic no report. That being the first meeting in the term, the usual discussion did not take place but the Division proceeded to take appointments for two weeks from that evening, which were as follows, Disputants ~~Hooker~~, Ames, Hayes & Boardman, Composer, Clark. And James was appointed to read a poem three weeks from that evening. The secretary then called the roll for volunteers to debate at the next meeting of the Division.



Hooker, May, Labaree, & Mead answered to their names. The Chair then appointed May & Labaree, as verbal critics. The Division then adjourned,  
 A. Edgrees. sec. protom.

March 9<sup>th</sup>. 1853.

The Division met as usual & were called to order by the Vice President. There being no secretary present, the Society appointed A. Edgrees secretary protom. The roll was then called & the Journal of last meeting read. May of the Judicial Com. reported; The critic made his report. Then came the discussion of the Question, "Ought Cuba to be annexed to the United States?" in which the disputants seemed to take into consideration the great importance of their subject & to discuss it accordingly with <sup>much</sup> warmth & skill. Afterward the question came before the house & was ably disputed through for a very short time by Messrs Walker & Hayes. The secretary then proceeded to call the yeas & nays on the decision of the question according to the weight of argument which resulted in favor of the negative by an unanimous vote. Appointments were then taken for two weeks hence, as follows. Disputants Ames, Hayes, Walker, & Skeel. Comproser C. M. Mead.

After which the house being open to miscellaneous business May introduced the following resolution Resolved, That this Society had the right or power to postpone the consideration of the Secretary's report to a time on which they may agree. Which resolution was adopted. Then the following resolution was introduced & adopted Resolved, That the first Division of the Philanthropian Society send respects to the second Division



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I would be glad to meet them in a union debate  
three weeks hence, & for making arrangements therefore  
request them to appoint a Committee to meet  
with a similar Committee from this Division.  
Accordingly to the above resolution Messrs Hooker &  
Ames were appointed a Committee of arrangements.  
The Division then adjourned.

A. Hayes secretary pro tem.

Order of exercises for March 16<sup>th</sup>  
1<sup>st</sup> Composition by J. W. Clark junr.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Debate, Question. Is conscience a single, or-  
iginal faculty of the human mind

ayes } off neg D. T. Hooker  
vs Boardman } W. W. Walker

A. Hayes Sec. pro.

March 16<sup>th</sup> 1853

Hall of the First Division

The Division met at the usual  
hour and was called to order by May of Jud. Comm. who  
after the calling of the roll yielded the seat to the tardy  
Pres. The journal was then read. May in behalf of  
the judicial committee reported. No critic's report.  
After listening to a very able essay from Clark the discussion  
of the question whether the African has suffered more from  
the Americans than the Indians was taken up by Hayes  
and Hooker in the affirmative and Boardman and  
Walker in negative. The question was ably handled and  
doubtless many weighty arguments were brought forth  
which are not heard on this question every time it is  
debated in a common school debating club.

The gentlemen on the off. had the best of the argument  
as it appeared from a unanimous vote of the Division.



Verbal criticisms were made by Sabine, after which appointments were taken for two weeks hence as follows. Composers Wilcox, Disputants, Bacon, Hooker, Keyes and Walker. No further business being before the Division it adjourned.

Martin L. Mead Sec.

Order of exercise for March 28.

- I Composition by C. M. Mead
- II Poem by James
- III Discussion Question  
"Have the political revolutions of modern Europe been conducive to the progress of Republicanism."

Agnes {  
Shule {  
Keyes { Walker  
Mead Sec.

Hall of First Division March 28 1857.  
It was towards evening. The setting sun was just sinking behind the western hills, and lighting up with his parting ray the tops of the Green Mountains. The bell which for five minutes had not ceased to send forth its solemn peals, began to strike fainter, and at length ceased ringing altogether, and its last murmurs were dying away in the calm zephyrs of evening, when our Division was called to order by the Vice President. The roll was called and journal read by the secretary May of Judicial Comm. reported. No critic's report. Next came a composition by C. M. Mead after which the Division <sup>listened</sup> with intense interest to a very exquisite poem by James. The discussion followed. Shule being absent Hooker was appointed by the chair as substitute. The debate was made very interesting by the warmth with <sup>which</sup> the speakers



engaged in it. Upon calling the roll it was decided mem. con. that the gentlemen on the affirmative maintained their ground with the most ability.

Verbal criticisms were made first by C. M. May, who did not understand his province, and was consequently a good deal interrupted, and after all did not make out much. Labaree followed with his criticisms.

Appointments were taken for two weeks hence as follows. (Disputants Ames, Bacon, Hooker & Reges. Composer Boardman. Three weeks hence Johnson is to read a poem. The chair then appointed as verbal critics for three weeks to come Hooker 1<sup>st</sup> & Labaree 2<sup>d</sup>. The house being opened for miscellaneous business, M. M. Mead introduced the following Resolution which was adopted

Resolved that the words "within two days after the meeting" be inserted after the 10<sup>th</sup> Sec of the constitution

Hooker offered the following which also passed

Resolved that Sec 7<sup>th</sup> of the constitution be amended by striking out the words "and critics". May thought it not best to signify the act by calling it an amendment but it prevailed ~~and passed~~.

The Division then adjourned.

M. M. Mead Sec.

Order of exercise for March 30<sup>th</sup>

I Composition by E. Wilcox

II Discussion of the Question

"Ought the right of suffrage in Republics to be limited to those possessing a certain degree of knowledge"

Affirmative { Bacon  
                    { Reges.

Negative { Walker  
                  { Hooker



First Division from March 30<sup>th</sup>

The Division met at the usual hour, & Dr. in the Chair, was called to order. The sec. pres. being present A. Gaynes was appointed sec. pro. The roll was then called & the journal of the last meeting read. May made an objection to the report & it was amended by striking out the words "In spite of him" which occurred therein. The jud. Committee & Critic then made their reports. A motion was made to dispense with composition & debate which was lost. Consequently a composition was then read by E. Wilcox. Next came the discussion, Hooker being one of the disputants James was appointed by the Chair to perform this duty as verbal critic. The Chair also appointed C. M. Mead as substitute for Keyes who was absent. The question was orally discussed & decided by ~~the~~ weight of argument unanimously in the negative. After which the verbal critic made his report. Appointments were then taken, as follows, for two weeks hence, Disputants Walker, Boardman, Gaynes, & C. M. Mead. Compose Bacon, The Div. then adjourned. A. Gaynes sec. pro.

Order of exercises for April 6<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Composition by Boardman  
2<sup>nd</sup> Discussion of the Question.

the rate of interest to be established by law.

Affirmative / Ames. / Neg. / Hooker.  
Bacon. / Keyes.



First division Mon. Apr. 6<sup>th</sup>

The Division was called to order by the vice president. The roll was called and journal read by Secretary. May of the Judicial Com. reported. No cities report.

A composition was then read by Boardman. Walker was appointed verbal critic in the place of Hooker who was on the debate. The discussion of the question then commenced. After the first speaker had finished his speech the vice president requested the Division to appoint a pres. pro tem. on account of his illness.

Johnson was appointed, after which the debate proceeded. The debate being concluded the Secretary called the roll for the decision of the question according to the weight of argument, but not a member voted. The roll was called pretty fast, and the chair ordered the Sec. to call the roll again hoping by that time they would make up their minds, and again nobody voted.

The chair, determined to have a vote some way, required that every one should vote. After this calling it appeared that the Division was equally divided and the chair gave the decision in the neg. Objection was raised to the chair's voting on such a question but did not prevail.

Verbal criticisms were made by Walker and Labaree. Appointments for two weeks hence were taken as follows: Com. pro tem. Tenney, Debtors Ames, Bacon, Hooker, and James. The division then adjourned.

Attest M. M. Mend. Sec.

Order of Exercise for Apr. 13<sup>th</sup> 1863

Composition by Bacon

Poem by Johnson

Discussion of the question.

Do prosperity and increase of wealth have a favorable influence upon the manners and morals of a people.

Aff. Cyrus & Walker vs. Neg. Boardman & M. M. Mend.



Hall of 1<sup>st</sup> Division Apr 12

Division met as usual. pres. in chair. After the calling of the roll and reading journal. May of Jud. Com. reported. Critic's report by Hooker. Ames moved to dispense with composition poem and debate. After being amended by leaving out "poem" the motion prevailed. Johnson then read a poem which was very attentively listened to, and received with great applause.

The following appointments for first meeting next term were taken. Disputants Walker, Boardman, Bayne & McMead. Composer Labaree. May poet for second meeting next term. After the reading the order of exercise for next week the Division adjourned.

McMead Secy

Modus operandi for April 22<sup>th</sup>

Composition by Terry.

Debate, Question "Is deception ever justifiable?"

Aff { Hooker  
Bacon

Neg. { James  
Ames

McMead Secy

First Division Room April 20

At the usual hour the Division was called to order by the pres. the roll called and journal read. The judicial Committee were absent, and the critic had no report to make.

Bacon moved to dispense with the debate. After some discussion the motion was lost. Walker and Johnson were appointed instead of Ames & James who were absent.

The debate then proceeded as usual. Coming before the house it was further discussed by McMead & others. It was decided in the affirmative by a vote of 8 to 1. Appointments for the second meeting next term were taken as follows



Disputants. Jenny Boardman Clark & McMead.  
 Composer Wilcox. After the reading the order of  
 exercise for next meeting the division adjourned  
Attended McMead Kube

Order of Exercises for May 18<sup>th</sup> 1853

- 1 Composition by Benj. Esbarce Jr.
- 2 Discussion

Question. "Do prosperity and  
 increase of wealth have a favorable influence  
 upon the manners and morals of a people?"

Aff.	{	Payne	Boardman	Negative
	{	Walker	C. McMead	

May 18<sup>th</sup> 1853

The Division was called to order by the Pres.  
 roll called and Journal read by Sec. No critic's  
 report. The first of J. J. Com. was absent. The compo-  
 sition was read. The debate was dispensed with  
 May coming in then made this report.

Walker moved that the following amendment be  
 made to the first article of the second Chapter of the by-laws.  
 "The Senior class shall not be fined for non attendance  
 at the meeting during the Summer term". After con-  
 siderable debate it was rejected.

The following communication was received  
 from the I Division. "Resolved that the I  
 Division of the Phil Soc respectfully invite the  
 1<sup>st</sup> Division to meet the I division in Union debate  
 in the I Division room ~~than~~ <sup>from</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> eight  
 That two speakers be chosen by each Division, who  
 shall select a question & assign sides. The speakers  
 from each Division being colleagues. The debate to be  
 conducted as a debate of the Division except that  
 the decision of the question be not taken".



It was voted to accept the invitation  
The Secretary was instructed to "speak to 'em  
about it."

The Secretary should have inserted before  
that the following appointments were taken for  
two weeks hence. Disputants Baynes. Sabanee  
Amos & Amos. Composers Wheeler.

The division adjourned

McMead Scribe

Order of Exercise for May 25<sup>th</sup> 1853

- I Composition by E. Wilcox
- II Poem by C. M. May
- III Debate of the following  
Question "Do prosperity and  
increase of wealth have a favorable influence  
upon the manners and morals of a people" by  
Boordman } Affirmative  
Tenny } McMead } Neg.

Attest McMead Scribe

First Division Hall May 25<sup>th</sup> 1853

The Division was called to order by the  
vice president. After the roll and journal. Rankin  
of the Ind. Am. reported. No critic's report nor  
poem nor composition were read. Harker and  
Rankin were appointed by the chair verbal critics.  
Johnson <sup>was</sup> appointed in Tenny's place on the debate  
he being absent. After which the debate pro-  
ceeded as usual. The question adjourned was  
discussed, and decided in the aff. by a majority  
of one. Verbal criticisms from Harker and  
Rankin were then listened to.

Appointments for two weeks hence were  
then taken as follows. Disputants Walker  
Wilcox James and Keyes. Composers Wheeler  
Three weeks hence Baynes reads a poem



The order of exercise for next meeting were then read. Miscellaneous business being in order Amos moved to reconsider the vote accepting the invitation of the 2<sup>d</sup> Division. After some debate it was lost.

McMead presented the following resolution "Resolved that the code of by-laws be amended by the addition of the following article.

"Every member of this Division shall record his name in that part of the Secretary's book next preceding the journal." Which amendment was adopted. It was then voted to proceed to elect disputants for the Union debate. Amos and Hooker were successufully elected and declined. Keys and Labaree were appointed Keys declined but the Division voted not to excuse him.

McMead offered the following amendment to the by-laws "Resolved that the 1<sup>st</sup> of Chapter 2<sup>d</sup> of the by-laws be amended by adding the following clause. "The Senior Class during the Summer Term shall be fined only for failing to fulfill <sup>voluntary</sup> appointments."

which was adopted. The Division then adjourned. McMead Scribe.

Order of Exercise for June 1<sup>st</sup> 1858

- 1 Composition by Whewer
- 11 Discussion. Question

"Ought the Catholics to receive a portion of the public money to establish schools for the education of their children in the principles of their own religion?"

James	{ Affirmative	Ames	{ Negative
Labaree		Keyes	

Attest McMead Secretary



First Division Hall June 1<sup>st</sup> 1853

The Division met at the usual hour. - Vice Pres. in chair. After the roll was called and Journal read Baynes of Jud. Com reported. A motion to dispense with the debate was lost. McMead and Boardman taking the place of James & Ames who were absent the debate proceeded with unusual energy and interest. Coming before the house it was further discussed by Johnson. It was decided in the aff.

Appointments for two weeks hence were taken as follows. Disputants Baynes, Johnson. Opponents McMead & Jemmy. Compaser Labaree.

The Division then adjourned

Attest McMead Secy

Order of Exercise for June 8<sup>th</sup> 1853

I Composition by Whaler

II Debate. Question. Ought the peculiar religious tenets of any sect to be taught in common schools?

Affirmative Wilcox & James. Neg Keyes & Walker  
McMead Secy

Hall of the First Division June 8, 1853

The division met as usual. The President and Vice Pres. being absent, the house was called to order by Bankin, the first member present of the Judicial Committee. The secretary being absent - G. S. Boardman was appointed secretary pro tem. The roll was then called and the journal of the last meeting read. A. Baynes of the Jud. Com reported. There was no critic's report. A motion to dispense with the composition and debate was then passed.

Appointments for two weeks hence were taken as follows.



Disputation Boardman, Cayres, Tenney & Wheeler,  
 Composer Labaree,  
 The division then adjourned

G. S. Boardman sec, proten  
 Order of exercise for June 15, 1853,  
 1 Composition by Labaree, poem by Cayres,  
 11 Debate, Question, Is the progress of  
 civil liberty more the result of intellectual  
 advancement than of civil oppression?  
 Affirmative A. Cayres & C. M. Mead  
 Neg. E. C. Johnson & Tenney

G. S. B. sec proten

Order of exercise for June 22<sup>d</sup>  
 Composition by Labaree  
 Debate

No question handed in  
 Boardman Cayres Tenney Wheeler Disputants

June 29<sup>th</sup> 1853

The Division met at the ringing of the bell. Rankin  
 in chair. There being no appointments for the evening  
 those for two weeks hence were taken as follows

Disputants Labaree Rankin Boardman and  
 C. M. Mead

Composer Wheeler. Poet for three weeks  
 hence M. L. Mead. The Division then adjourned  
 M. L. Mead Sec.



Hall of the First Division July 8<sup>th</sup>

The Division met as usual, the vice Pres. in the chair. After the calling of roll & reading the Journal & report of the Jud. Com. reported. No appointments for the evening having been taken, the order of exercise for next meeting were read, after which appointments for two weeks were taken as follows:

Disputants Clark, Eaynes, Boardman & Foster  
Companion Labaree.

The Division then adjourned.

J. L. Mudd Sec.

Order of Exercise for July 13<sup>th</sup>

1. Composition by Whittier

2. Debate. Question "Ought the course of studies in colleges to be elective?"

Affirmative { A. E. Rumkin  
C. M. Mudd

Neg. { B. Labaree  
J. J. Boardman

J. L. Mudd Sec.

Hall of 1<sup>st</sup> Division July 13. 1853

The Division met of course else there would have been no meeting of which to give a report. And who could be in the chair but the vice pres. As the Sec. have all gone. At least who so likely to be in <sup>the chair</sup> as he? even granting ~~that~~ he himself, even our Vice President, of the first division had been sick. Difficult to say he was in the chair and called the meeting to order just as if nothing had happened. And shouldn't he? since nothing very unusual had happened. Very likely the members of the Division are expecting no to hear reported that next the roll was called & Journal read by the Secretary, and that the report of the Judicial Committee was presented by Eaynes. But such waste of time, paper, pen & ink.



would be useless, for these things always come just so. because the by laws require it. No body but Wyres could report for the Ind. Com. for Rankin, as will be seen by the Secretary's report to the Ind. Com. was absent.

Every body knows that the debate comes next and since Rankin who had an appointment to debate, was absent as I said above, of course some one must be appointed by the Chair. Nor is there any one in the Division whom I should judge more likely to be honored by such an appointment than Edwin Corlies Johnson. Whether there is or not he was appointed, and there is no need of our saying anything more about it. The debate went on just as all of our debates do. A great deal of spirit & enthusiasm, oratory & logic displayed on both sides. A great many strong arguments raised & a great many strong arguments knocked down. It is very proper that the roll would be called for the decision of the question, when there was no one besides the disputants to call on. So naturally enough that part of the regular exercise was dispensed with in accordance with a motion of Babaran Jr.

We all know that two weeks from to night according to the 13<sup>th</sup> Section of our Constitution, we hold our annual election. Can't have any debate that night. So what's the use of taking appointments evidently there is no use at all. At any rate it was <sup>moved</sup> not to take them, and we didn't. The order of exercise for next meeting was read & the Division got started to adjourn; but it was voted down, next time however we managed to get off. For one left, then there was no quorum present, and the chair declared the Division adjourned.

Edmond Secretary  
Hugs aint it



Order of Exercise for July 20<sup>th</sup> 1853

- I. Composition by B. Labaree.
- II. Poem by M. L. Mead
- III. Discussion of the following  
Question

"Is the progress of civil liberty more the result of intellectual advancement than civil oppression?"

Caynes } Affirmation Yes { Clark  
Foster } Boardman

W. L. Mead Sec.

July 20<sup>th</sup> 1853

Division met. Ranking in chair. Roll was called & Journal read. Caynes of Jud. Com. reported. Labaree read an essay. Mead a poem. The debate was dispensed with by motion of Caynes. Appointments for first meeting next term were taken as follows. Disputants Labaree Ranking Johnson and M. L. Mead. Composers — C. M. Mead Poem for second meeting next term Johnson. ~~is poet~~ will read. The Division then adjourned.

W. L. Mead



First Division Hall July 27<sup>th</sup> 1855

The Division met as usual & was called to order by vice president Wilcox. The roll was called and journal read by the secretary. ~~Bayne~~ <sup>Rankin</sup> reported for the Ind. Com. There being no order of exercises assigned for the evening; appointments for the second meeting next term were taken as follows. Disputants Bayne, ~~Rankin~~ <sup>Rankin</sup> & Foster

Opponents McMead and Leary. Composer Dewey.

The Division then proceeded to the election of officers for the next half year, which was done by ballot with the following result

For President E. Wilcox

" Vice President A. Bayne

" Secretary J. B. Dewey

" Critic B. Labaree Jr.

" Ind. Com. 1<sup>st</sup> Ed. Rankin

" " " 2<sup>d</sup> E. Johnson

" " " 3<sup>d</sup> H. D. Foster

Verbal critics for the next three weeks were appointed by the chair. Rankin 1<sup>st</sup> McMead

No farther business being before the Division it was adjourned

Attest, Martin L. Mead Sec.

Order of exercises for September 1<sup>st</sup> 1855

1<sup>st</sup> Composition by McMead.

2<sup>d</sup> Discussion of the following Question  
"Is the progress of civil liberty more the result of intellectual advancement than civil oppression"

Opp. { Rankin      Pro. { Labaree  
      { McMead            { Johnson

McMead, Sec.



Hall of the First Division Sept 7<sup>th</sup>  
 The Division met at the usual hour and  
 was called to <sup>order</sup> by the Pres. The roll was called  
 and journal of the last meeting was read  
 by the Secretary. The Judicial Com. did  
 not report. C. M. Mead read a composition.  
 On motion by Labaree the debate was dispen-  
 sed with. ~~Appointments~~ for two weeks were  
 taken as follows

Disputants Labaree & C. M. Mead.  
 Boardman M. L. Mead. Composer C. M. Mead.

The Division then adjourned  
 D. B. Dewey Sec.

Order of Exercises for Sept 14<sup>th</sup>, 1853  
 1<sup>st</sup> Composition by D. B. Dewey  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Poem by Johnson  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Discussion of the following question.  
 "Does the history of the world afford  
 reason for concluding that republican  
 principles will ultimately triumph?"  
 Aff. Cayres Heg. Foster  
 & Jenny C. M. Mead  
 D. B. Dewey, Sec.



Hall of the First Division Sept 14-  
The division met as usual. Pres. in the chair  
The roll was called and journal read. No report  
from the Jud. Com or Critic. No composition  
was read. A Poem by Johnson was read and  
applauded. First verbal critic being absent  
Labaree was appointed by the Pres. also Board-  
man as disputant in "Porter's" <sup>piece</sup> he being absent.  
After the regular discussion the question came  
before the house and was argued by M. L. Mead  
Upon the weight of argument it was decided  
in the negative. Verbal criticisms by Labaree  
and M. L. Mead then followed. Next thing  
in order being appointments for two weeks  
they were taken as follows. Disputants  
Johnson, Mead, C. M. Mead & Genny. Compo.  
Clank Poet. for three weeks, Boardman.  
There being no miscellaneous business before  
the house the Division then adjourned.

D. B. Dewey Sec.  
Order of Exercises Sept 21<sup>st</sup> / 53  
1<sup>st</sup> Composition by C. M. Mead  
2<sup>nd</sup> Discussion of this question.  
"Are pure mathematics worthy of  
the position they occupy in coll. courses  
of study."

Aff. Labaree,  
Boardman.

Neg Mr. L. Mead,  
Eaynes,  
D. B. Dewey Sec



Sept 21<sup>st</sup> / 53

At the usual hour the Division assembled together the Pres. occupying the chair. After the usual routine of calling the roll and reading of the journal the report of the Jud. Com. was called for but they made none. Next in order the critic made corrections of the Poem of last week. The usual exercise in composition was performed by C. M. Mead as per appointment. At this time of the proceedings the Pres excused himself and called Baynes to the chair. He being a disputant appointed Johnson to take his place in the Discussion. He also inasmuch as one of the verb. critics was absent and the other being a disputant declined to serve, appointed Clark & C. M. Mead in their places. The question after the regular discussion was decided in the Aff. upon the weight of argument. Verbal criticisms then followed. The appointments for two weeks were taken as follows. Disputants Leabare, Clark, Baynes. C. M. Mead. Composed Me. L. Mead. Verbal critics for the next three weeks were appointed as follows. Leabare, Clark. On motion of Leabare the Div. then adjourned.

L. B. Dewey. Sec

Order of Exercises Sept 28<sup>th</sup> / 53

1<sup>st</sup> Composition by L. W. Clark Jr  
2<sup>nd</sup> Discussion of the following question.

"Is the progress of civil liberty more the result of intellectual advancement than civil oppression."

Aff of C. M. Mead  
A. J. J. J.

neg } Johnson  
Me. L. Mead  
D. B. Dewey



Sept 28<sup>th</sup>, '53

The division assembled at the ringing of the bell. There being a ~~quorum~~ present but no one to assume the duties of the Pres, on motion by Mead Boardman was appointed to the chair. The roll was called and journal read as usual. The Jud. report was called for but the Jud. Com. were absent. The Critics report was next listened to. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial appearing took the chair and Clark read a composition. The chair then appointed H. Leabane & Wetherby to take part in the discussion. One of the regular Disputants being absent and the other occupying the chair. After the regular discussion it came before the house and was discussed by Boardman. It was then decided in the negative. Verbal critics reports then followed. The roll was called for volunition appointments for debate Disputants as follows. H. Leabane. Wetherby. Boardman. Compositors Dewey. It was motioned that a committee be appointed to procure by voluntary subscription, another lamp for Divisions room, and M. L. Mead was appointed said Committee. The division then adjourned.

D. B. Dewey Sec

Order of Exercises Oct 5<sup>th</sup>

- 1<sup>st</sup> Compo. M. L. Mead
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Poem Boardman
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Discussion. Do the talents and character of Daniel Webster warrant the high position he now occupies in the opinion of the world.

Opp. / Leabane  
Eaynes

Reg. / M. L. Mead  
Clark

D. B. Dewey Sec



# Hall of the First Division, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>

The Pres. Vice Pres. and first Judicial being absent, Johnson took the chair. The secretary also being absent, J. C. Sabar was appointed Sec. Pro Tem.

After the calling of the roll, and reading of the report of the last meeting, ~~the~~ on motion by B. Sabar, the Comp. & P. were dispensed with. One of the regular disputants not being present the Chair appointed Boardman to take part in the discussion.

After the regular speakers had filled up their time, the question was opened for discussion before the house, but no one speaking it was proceeded to decide the question by weight of argument. ~~the roll was called~~ When Wetherby's name was called, he informed the Pres. that he was unable to determine which side had gained the victory. The chair decided that it was the duty of every member, not a regular disputant, to vote upon either of the two sides, whereupon Mr. Wetherby appealed from the decision of the chair. But the house sustaining the chair Mr. Wetherby concluded to vote. The question was decided in the Aff. The roll was then called for disputants two weeks hence, Debaters as follows. Boardman. Clark. C. M. Mead. and Wetherby. Essayist B. Sabar. Post. Three weeks hence Wetherby. On Motion by Mead. Adjourned.

J. C. Sabar Sec. Pro Tem

Order of Expenses Oct 12<sup>th</sup> as follows.  
1<sup>st</sup> Comp. Dewey.

2<sup>nd</sup> Debaters on the following Question—

"Would the establishment of a peace Congress of nations favor the cause of humanity & freedom."

Aff. Boardman. B. Sabar. Neg. Wetherby. J. C. Sabar Sec. Pro Tem



Hall of the 1<sup>st</sup> Division, Oct 12<sup>th</sup>, 1853.

The house was called to order, the Vice Pres. being in the chair. The usual routine of calling the roll, reading the journal &c being gone through with, the Ind. Comm reported, & Torrey & M & Mead were appointed verbal critics: there being no composition, the Discussion came in order. After an interesting discussion, the question was decided in the Neg. by weight of argument. The verbal Critics then reported. The roll for disputants was called, & Sabareu, Torrey, Mead, & C. M. Mead. took appointments for two weeks. J. C. Sabareu was appointed essayist, Miscellaneous business being in order, C. M. Mead offered a Resolution, That the 12<sup>th</sup> Section of the Constitution be amended by striking out the word "third." which was unanimously adopted: the Division then adjourned. D. B. Dewey Sec.

Order of exercises for Oct 19<sup>th</sup>  
1<sup>st</sup> Essay, B. Sabareu

Ind. Discussion of the following question-  
"Would the annexation of Cuba to the U.S. be desirable, provided the Cubans desire it."

Aff. / Neg. /  
Clark

Boardman  
C. M. Mead.  
D. B. Dewey, Sec.

First Division



First Division Oct 19<sup>th</sup>/53

At the usual hour the division was called to order by the Pres. The roll having been called the journal was read. The genl. com. and critic made no report. An motion compo. and debate was dispensed with. The appointments for two weeks were taken as follows. Disputants Labaree. Torrey. C. M. Mead. Withenby. Composemen Tenney. The division then adjourned.

D. B. Dewey Sec

Oct 26<sup>th</sup> As follows

1<sup>st</sup> Composition. J. C. Labaree

2<sup>nd</sup> Poem. Withenby

3<sup>rd</sup> Discussion. "Ought the liberty of the Press to be under further legal restraint in this country"

Aff. Torrey  
Mead

Neg. Labaree  
C. M. Mead.

First Division Oct 26<sup>th</sup>

The members of the Division met and were called to order by the Vice Pres.

The calling of the roll and reading of the journal came next in order. The genl. com. next reported. The critic made no report. A composition by J. C. Labaree was read and Poem by Withenby was received with considerable of a demonstration. Clark was appointed but critic there being no other eligible.

Johnson was appointed disputant but failed to perform and Boardman was appointed in his place. After neg. discussion it came before the house and was discussed by Withenby & Johnson. The question was decided in the



negative. The verbal critic then made his report. Appointments for two weeks were taken as follows. Disputants Boardman Johnson Mead & C. Labaree. Composer Seaton. Post for three weeks hence Johnson. Under the head of Miscellaneous Business Wetherby introduced a resolution "that a debater could occupy the twenty minutes allotted him in speaking once or twice as he chooses." which was lost. The division then adjourned.

D. B. Dewey Sec.

Order of Exercises Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1853.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Composition - Sunny
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Discussion. - "Would the annexation of Cuba <sup>to the U.S.</sup> be desirable provided the Cubans desire it."
- Opp. { C. M. Mead Reg. Labaree
- Wetherby J. J. Torrey

D. B. Dewey Sec.

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> 1853

The Division met at the usual hour. Prex in the Chair. After <sup>the</sup> calling the roll and reading the journal. Johnson of the Jud. Com. reported no critics report - no composition - Boardman & Clark were appointed verb. crit. Seaton was appointed disputant in place and Mead voluntarily accepted Labaree's <sup>place</sup> but afterwards he expressed a fid Fenton took it. The question was decided in the negative. Then followed verb. critic's report. Appointments for two weeks were taken as follows Disputants Labaree Gaynes, C. M. Mead & Wetherby Composer J. C. Labaree Division then adjourned.

D. B. Dewey Sec.



Order of Exercises, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> 1853

1<sup>st</sup> Composed Seaton

2<sup>nd</sup> Discussion, "Ought our common schools to be supported by a tax upon the grand list?"

Aff { Mead  
Johnson

Arg { Boardman  
J. B. Labaree  
J. B. Dewey Sec

Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> 53.

The Division met at the usual hour the Vice Pres. in the chair. The secretary being absent a substitute was appointed. The roll was called, and the journal read as usual, next in order was the judicial report which was presented - No critic's report was made. The house then gave their attention to an able and instructive essay from Seaton which was received with great applause - A motion was then made by Mr. L. Mead that (as it was possibly the last meeting in the term) the regular debate give place to the semi-annual election of officers, the motion being carried, the division proceeded to elect officers for the next six months - with the following result -

Vice Pres. J. S. Boardman,

Secretary H. Foster,

Judicial Com. 1<sup>st</sup> E. M. Tarnes,

" " 2<sup>nd</sup> A. Gayles,

" " 3<sup>rd</sup> C. M. Mead,

Critic, J. O. Fenton

The Chair considered it next in order to take appointments for the second meeting in the spring term - which are as follows, Compositors by Allen - Debaters, Gayles, Boardman, Clark, O. W.



From the third week by Boardman, voluntary  
 appointments were also taken for the first week  
 viz, Eayres, Allen, J.C. Labaree for Deputants,  
 On motion the Division then Adj.  
 J.C. Labaree, Sec. Pro Tem.

Middlebury, March 8th 1834.

The Division met at the usual hour,  
 the Pres. <sup>the Journal read</sup> Rankin in the Chair. The roll  
 was called & the report of the Judicial was made.  
 On motion the debate for the Evening was  
 dispensed with. As two of the debaters were to  
 be absent at the next meeting the president  
 appointed Tenny & J.C. Labaree to fill their  
 places. Torrey was appointed critic for the term  
 as the regularly appointed Critic. Stanton was  
 to be absent during the term. Debaters for  
 two weeks. Torrey, Dewey, Wetherby & Stanton.  
 Composition, Diviz. Sec then adjourned

Composition by Allen J.C. Foster

2<sup>nd</sup> The Question to be discussed Mar 15<sup>th</sup> 3  
 "Is the Government of England preferable  
 to that of the United States?"

At Boardman  
 J.C. Labaree.

Agd C. M. Mead.  
 Tenny.



March 15<sup>th</sup> 1854.

The Division met at the usual hour:  
 the roll was called the journal read & the  
 Report of the Judicial Committee. The President  
 then appointed Torrey & Sabers Critics  
 for the evening. A Composition was then  
 read by Allen, after which the discussion  
 of the Question by J. H. Sabers, L. H. Mead,  
 Wetherby & Seaton took place. After a tedious  
 & prolix debate, the Critics made their report  
 & the question was decided in the  
 negative. Appointments were then taken  
 for two weeks resulting as follows,  
 Composition by Addy, debate by  
 Sabers, Allen, L. H. Mead, & Harris.  
 So then adjourned. H. G. Foster Sec.

Order of Exercises for March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Composition by Davis  
 Poem by Boardman.  
 Discussion of the following question,  
 Resolved, That Natural Religion is more  
 authoritative than revealed.

W. C. Torrey Sec. { Wetherby  
 J. H. Sabers  
 H. G. Foster Sec. {  
 J. H. Mead Sec.



March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1854

Soc met accord to adj. Poll was called  
Journal read & Ind Com reported. The Pres  
appointed B Sabau & Boardman Critics for  
the evening. A Composition was read by Davis  
following which was a debate by Torrey, Allen,  
Wetherby & Eaton on the question, Resolved, That  
natural religion is more authoritative than revealed  
which was decided in the negative. The Critics  
then reported & appointments taken for two  
weeks, resulting as follows Composition by  
Harren. Debate by B Sabau, Torrey, Boardman  
& B Sabau. Post for 3 weeks Wetherby. Mis-  
cellaneous business being in order C Mead offered  
an amendment to the by laws Subjecting to  
fine anyone failing in his appointment to  
debate, <sup>passed</sup> Soc then adjourned  
H. D. Foster, Sec

Order of Ex Mar 29<sup>th</sup> 3  
Composition by Addy  
Discussion

Ought the present political parties  
to be superseded by others based on the  
question of Slavery?

Alf Allen  
Harren

Neg { Sabau  
C Mead  
Foster Sec



March 29<sup>th</sup> 54

The Division met at the usual hour and was called to order by the Vice President. The Sec. being absent a Sec. Pro Tem. was appointed, by whom the roll was called & the journal of the last meeting read. Reports were then presented by the Pres Com. The Critic being absent there was no farther Report. Adad then read a composition which was followed by the discussion of the following question - Ought the present political parties to be superseded by others based on the question of Slavery. Discussed by Allen Warren Labaree & C. M. Mead. decided in the Negative. The Critics then reported, after which the appointments were taken for three weeks hence as follows Debaters Eayres Allen, Tenny & Warren. Comp. by C M Mead Under the head of Miscellaneous Business the following Resolution was introduced by B Labaree viz. Resolved, that Sec. 3<sup>rd</sup> of Chap 1<sup>st</sup> of the By-Laws be so amended that the decision of the question preceded, ~~it~~ decided by the house, by motion of Allen it was postponed for one week. Soc. then Adjourned

J. C. Labaree  
Sec. Pro. Tem.

Order of Exercises for April 5<sup>th</sup>  
1<sup>st</sup> Composition by Warren  
2<sup>nd</sup> Discussion of the question "Would the United States be justified in forcing the Islands of Japan to open their ports to Commercial intercourse. Debaters, Tenny, B Labaree, J. S. Boardman J. C. Labaree. J. C. Labaree



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April 12<sup>th</sup> / 54.

The Division met at the usual hour and was called to order by the Vice President. As the Sec. was absent, C. Wetherly was appointed Sec. pro tem. The roll was then called and the journal of the last meeting read. The Judicial report was then presented after which the Soc. listened to a profound and elegant essay from C. M. Mead which was followed by the discussion of the question "Ought Common School Teachers to be Compelled to board round." Debated by Subaree & C. M. Mead in the Aff. Gorrey & Allen in the Neg. Decided in the Aff. The Critics then reported after which appointments were taken for two weeks hence as follows. Debaters Mead Allen Subaree & Wetherly. A volunteer debate was then taken for the succeeding week by the same individuals. Under the head of Miscellaneous business the following resolution was introduced by C. M. Mead. Resolved That Sec. 1<sup>st</sup> Chap. 7 of the By-Laws be so amended that every member shall be fined thirty cents for absence thirty for failure to debate & twenty for egression. Subaree's resolution was also brought up & again postponed for one week. The Soc. then adjourned.

Chas. Wetherly  
Sec. Pro Tem

April 19<sup>th</sup> 1834

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President. The Secretary being absent, C. M. Mead was appointed Sec. pro tem; after which the roll was called and the journal of the last meeting read. The Judicial committee then reported.



Then followed the Critics' report; after which Allen moved to dispense with the debate, which motion was adopted. The appointments were then taken for the first meeting of the Summer Term as follows: for Disputants, E. M. Torrey, Johnson, M. L. Mead & Allen; for essayist, Warren. C. M. Mead was appointed to read a poem at the second meeting, the next term.

Miscellaneous business being next in order, the resolution introduced at the last meeting was called up and on motion of M. L. Mead, indefinitely postponed. The Division then adjourned.

C. M. Mead Sec pro tem

Order of exercises for next week:  
Question, Ought the reading of the Bible in common schools to be discontinued?

Aff  
J. C. Labaree  
C. M. Mead

Neg  
S. T. Allen  
L. W. Etherby

Order of exercises for May 24 1834  
Question Composition Warren

Question. Does purely intellectual culture have a tendency to improve the morals?

Aff  
Allen, Torrey

Neg  
M. L. Mead, Johnson



May 24. 1884

Society met according to adjournment.  
 & was called to order by the President.  
 Roll was called & the journal read.  
 No report was made either by the Jud Com  
 or the Critic. On motion of Penny  
 the Composition & Debate was dispensed  
 with. Appointments were then taken  
 for two weeks resulting as follows.  
 Composition by E.H. Torrey  
 Debate by C.M. Mead, M.S. Mead.  
 Warren & Penny. Volunteer appointments  
 were taken for one week as follows  
 Debate by J.C. Sabara. C.M. Mead  
 Arthurby & Allen. M.S. Mead  
 was chosen from the Junior Class  
 as one of the Jud Com in place of  
 Capen. Plett. Society then adjourned.

~~H.D. Foster~~

Sec.

Order of Exercises for May 31st.

1st Poem. by C.M. Mead.

2nd Discussion of the following question  
 "Is a false Religion better than none?"

Opp. J.C. Sabara.

Sp. C.M. Mead.

Arg. Allen

Arthurby.

Foster, Scribe



May 31st 1864

Soc met accord. adj. Has called  
to order by President. Roll was called  
Journal read. No Composition was read.  
The Question. "Is a false religion  
better than none", was discussed by  
Johnson & C. M. Mead, off. V. Allen &  
Netherby Neg. decided in Aff. Then  
followed The Critics Report after wh  
a poem was read by C. M. Mead  
which was recd with great applause  
Appointments were taken for two weeks  
as follows. Compo. Adoy. Debate by  
Johnson, M. Mead C. M. Mead & Torrey.  
Dewey was appointed Poet for three  
weeks. Soc then adjourned

A. D. Foster  
Sec.

Order of Exercises for June 7th.

1st Composition. E. H. Torrey.  
2nd Discussion of following Question

"Does purely intellectual culture  
have a tendency to improve the  
morals?"

M. J. Tenny  
W. C. M. Mead.

Neg. Torrey.  
M. J. Mead.



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June 7th. 1854.

Society met according to adj.  
Called to order by Vice President. Roll  
was called. The Journal read. No  
critic's report was presented. A Com-  
position was read by E. H. Torrey after  
which came the discussion of the follow-  
ing Question. "Does purely intellectual Cul-  
ture have a tendency to improve the  
morals?" by C. M. Mead & J. C. Babson Aff.  
& Harlow & M. J. Mead Neg. After the  
discussion the house decided the  
question in the Aff. Appointments  
were then taken for two weeks  
as follows. Composition, J. C. Babson  
Debate, C. M. Mead, Torrey, W. E. Hurby  
& Davis. There being no other  
business. So adjourned.

A. D. Foster.

Sec  
Order of Exercises for June 14th.

1<sup>st</sup> Composition By A. D. Foster.

2<sup>nd</sup> Discussion of following question.

Has modern oratory reached that  
state of perfection attained by the  
Ancients?

Aff. Johnson  
Torrey.

Neg. Eaton  
M. J. Mead.



June 14<sup>th</sup> / 64.

The Soc. met according to adjournment  
 and was called to order by the Vice President  
 As the Secretary was absent Wetherly was  
 appointed to that office for the evening  
 Roll was then called and the Journal read  
 The final report was presented & the Essayist  
 was absent. The discussion of the following  
 question next occupied the attention of  
 the house, "Has modern oratory reached  
 that state of perfection attained by the  
 ancients" Discussed by C. M. Mead and Austin  
 Aff. Geaton and M. L. Mead in the Neg.  
 The question was decided in the Aff.  
 Appointments were then taken for two  
 weeks as follows. Camp Davis chief Debaters  
 Allen, Austin, Geary, Geaton, Soc, then  
 adjourned. ~~Edwards to Bacon~~

### Order of Exercises for June 21<sup>st</sup>

- 1 Composition by J. C. Faber
- 2 Poem by J. B. Dewey
- 3 Discussion of the following question  
 Ought the study of English literature  
 to supersede that of the ancient classics  
 in our colleges?

Aff C. M. Mead  
 Wetherly

Neg Allen  
 Garrey



June 21<sup>st</sup> 1859.

Soc. met according to adjournment  
called to order Vice pres in the chair  
Secretary being absent Dewey was appointed in  
his place. Roll called Journal read in order  
The Report of the Grad. Comm. was read  
No critics report was presented A compo-  
sition was read by J. B. Sabaree. No poem.  
Next in order came the discussion of  
the following question "Ought the study  
of English Literature to supersede that of  
the Ancient Classics in our colleges" In  
the Aff. it was discussed by C. M. Mead. In the  
neg. by Allen Gurney. It was decided  
in the Aff. The verbal critics made a short  
report which <sup>feature</sup> was commendable. App. for  
two weeks were taken as follows. Comp.  
Warren. Disputants. Mead, Allen Sabaree,  
C. M. Mead. Soc then adjourned.  
Seaton appointed poet, D. B. Dewey Sec. pro. tem.

Order of Exercises June 28<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Composition by Davis.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Discussion of the following question.  
"Are the influences which tend to perpetuate  
stronger than those which tend to dissolve  
the Union of the United States?"

Aff { Allen  
Gurney

Neg { Seaton  
Austin.

- Dewey Sec. pro. tem.



June 28<sup>th</sup> 1854

Soc. met at the usual hour Vice pres in the chair. Sec. being absent Deway was appointed pro. temp. Roll called & Journal of the last meeting read. J. W. Com. reported. On Motion of Weathered Composition & Debate was dispensed with. App were taken as follows Composition Torrey Disputants Allen Austin T. C. Sabare Warren. Soc then adj. Deway Sec pro temp.

Order of Exercises July 5 - 1854  
 1<sup>st</sup> Composition Warren  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Discussion following question.  
 Are the influences which tend to perpetuate stronger than those which tend to dissolve the union of the United States.  
 Aff Mead G. M. Allen Neg Mead Sabare Deway

July 11<sup>th</sup> 1854

Soc. met at the usual hour. Called to order Vice Pres in the Chair Secretary being absent Allen was appointed in his place. Roll called, Journal read. On Motion of Mr Mead the Debate was dispensed with App were then taken for two weeks as follows Composition Weathered Disputants Johnson Mead Seaton Warren Poem Davis



Dec 11 1854

The roll <sup>was</sup> then called for volunteers  
Disputants for <sup>Ensueing</sup> the next week, Volunteers  
Allen & M. Meus. Wetherby, per Disputer  
Composition. Seaton. On motion  
of M. L. Meus the Soc adjourned  
Sec per Allen

Order of Exercises Sep 2-1854

The composition  
The Disputants following in order  
The the influence which time to befall  
not stronger than those which  
to divide the union of the nation

Off. Sec Allen  
Allen  
per  
per  
per

Dec 11 1854

Allen & M. Meus  
Wetherby  
Composition  
Seaton  
On motion  
of M. L. Meus  
the Soc adjourned  
Sec per Allen



July 22/54

First division of the Philoma met at the usual hour and accomplished the following business. 1st The Society was called to order by the Vice President. 2d The roll was called. 3d Journal was read. 4th Proceeded to the semi-annual election of officers, the following were elected, Mr. L. Mead, President, J. C. Labaree, Vice President, J. H. Davis Secretary, G. J. Boardman, First Judicial, L. A. Austin. Second Judicial, J. T. Warren, Third Judicial, E. C. Johnson Critic. Society then adjourned.

E. H. Torrey Sec. pro tem

Order of Exercises for Sep. 6<sup>th</sup>  
Discussion of the following Resolution  
Resolved That the Influence of Know-Nothing-ism as an element in our political parties is beneficial

Aff: Austin  
Mead  
Wetherby

Neg: Allen

Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> 1854.

Society met according to Adj. Called to order by the President, Roll was called and the journal read. No Committee nor Critic's report. The following Resolution was discussed: Resolved That the influence of the Know-Nothingism as an element in our political parties is beneficial! By L. A. Austin C. M. Mead. C. Wetherby Aff: G. J. Allen Neg: Voluntary Appointments were then taken for one week as follows: Debate: Austin, Warren, Boardman and Wetherby: Also Appointments for two weeks Composition Austin. Debate: Boardman. Allen Labaree, Mead. Miscellaneous business then being in order. The Company present were were very respectfully invited to lend their aid



in sustaining the First Division by L.C. Labaree  
 There being no further business the Society adj<sup>d</sup>  
 Davis Sec

Order of Exercises for Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 1854.  
 Resolved that the execution of Mary Queen of  
 Scots was unjust

Aff Austin  
 Warren

Neg Wetherbey  
 Boardman

Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 1854.

Society met according to adj<sup>d</sup>. Called to order  
 by the President, Roll was called, and journal read.  
 The following questions were then discussed.  
 Resolved that the execution of Mary Queen of  
 Scots was unjust: Aff: Austin, Warren; Neg: Wetherbey  
 Boardman. The Report of the Judicial Com.  
 was then read. Appointments were then taken  
 for two weeks: Composition Allen; Debate Train  
 Walker, Ambrose, Davis. Poem for three weeks Wetherbey  
 Miscellaneous business then being in order: C. M. Mead  
 then presented the following resolution, that  
 Sec 1<sup>st</sup> of Chap 2<sup>nd</sup> of the By Laws be amended by adding  
 If any member fails to read a poem or Composition  
 he shall be fined 15 Cents was followed by the  
 Resolution of Chas Wetherbey: Resolved that C. M. Mead  
 Resolution in relation to Sec 1<sup>st</sup> of Chap 2<sup>nd</sup> be amended  
 so as to read "if any member fails to read a poem  
 or Composition he shall be fined for failing to read  
 a Composition 15 Cts Poem 5 Cts there being a tie on the  
 first Resolution the President decided it in favor of  
 the Aff: The latter Resolution was passed by the



house after considerable discussion of able  
men, there being no farther business the  
society adj.

Davis Sec

Order of Exercises for Sept 30th 1854

Essay by Austin

Discussion of the following question  
Is the progress of Eloquence diminished by the  
progress of literature & science

Aff C. M. Mead J. Neg Boardman  
Sabaree Allen

Oct. 4th 1854

Society met according to adj. Called  
to order by the Pres. Roll called and  
journal read. There being no Exercises  
for the evening, Voluntary Appointments  
were then taken for the following week  
Debate, Train, Walker, Ambrose, Davis; also  
Appointments for two weeks: Debate Boardman  
C. M. Mead, Sabaree, Withersby. ~~Roll for three~~  
Essay Kellogg. Oct for three weeks: Withersby  
No further business the Soc adj.

Davis Sec

Order of Exercises for Oct. 11th 1854.

Discussion of the following question  
Resolved that it is expedient for the United  
States to assist Turkey

Aff Ambrose Davis  
Walker Neg Train



Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 1854.

Society met according to adj<sup>d</sup>. Called to order by Pres. Reel called for journal read. The following question was then discussed, Resolved that it is expedient for United States to assist Turkey: Ambrose Walker, Off. Davis Train Neg<sup>s</sup>. Appointments were then taken for two weeks: Debate Allen, Torrey, Warren, Wild Composition Train, No further business Society adj<sup>d</sup>.

Davis Sec

Order of Exercises for Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 1854

Discussion of the following question:

Resolved that the utilitarian spirit of the present age is injurious in its influence on American character

Off C. M. Mead, Esq. Y. Boardman  
C. Wetherbey, Neg J. C. Labaree

Composition by B. Kellogg.

Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 1854.

Society met according to adj<sup>d</sup>. Called to order by Vice President. Roll called and journal read. As a motion for adj<sup>d</sup> was carried in aff. Appointments were then taken for two weeks: Debate Boardman, Wetherbey, Ambrose Foster, Composition B. Kellogg. No further business the Soc adjourned.

Davis Sec



Order of Exercises for Oct 25<sup>th</sup> 1854

Discussion of the following question

~~Is~~ originality of thought diminished as the world grows older

Disputants  
Aff Warren Mead Neg Wild Allen

Composition Train, Penn Dr Wetherby from N. Haven

Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> 1854,

Society met according to adj'd, Called to order by Pres. Roll called and journal The following question was then discussed "Is originality of thought diminished as the world grows older, Aff Warren, Mead, Neg Wild, Allen." Poem by Wetherby, Appointments were taken for two weeks Debate, Tenny Walker, C. M. Mead, B. Kellogg, Composition Davis, Poet for three weeks, Labaree, No further business soe adj'd,

Lavis Sec,

Order of Exercises for Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 1854.

Discussion of the following question

Resolved that the utilitarian <sup>spirit</sup> of the present age is ~~beneficial~~ <sup>injurious</sup> in its influence on American Character

Aff ~~Ambrose~~ Boardman  
~~Wetherby~~ Neg Wetherby  
Train. Composition B. Kellogg



Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 1854,  
Soc met accdg to adj<sup>a</sup>, Called  
to order by the Pres., Roll called  
and journal read. The following  
question was then discussed "Resolved  
that the utilitarian spirit of the present  
age is beneficial in its influence  
on American character" Aff Ambrose,  
Train. Neg Boardman, Wetherby, L. A most  
eloquent and sublime description of the  
descent on the Hudson River was then read  
to by B. Kellogg. Appointments were then  
taken for two weeks as follows, Debate  
Boardman, Austin, Allen, Ambrose, Composition  
Walker, After which there was a motion  
for adjournment which was fully discussed  
and finally laid on the table for two  
weeks by a motion of Train. The question  
relative to the fine imposed upon Tenney  
at the last meeting, for not voting then  
arose and after having been discussed  
the Soc adj<sup>d</sup> sine die

Lave's Sec

Order of Exercises for Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 1854,  
1<sup>st</sup> The discussion of the following question  
Resolved that the French Revolution of  
1848 was beneficial in its effects upon the  
condition of Europe  
Aff Allen Tenney Neg C. M. Mead  
W. N. Walker B Kellogg  
Composition Davis



Messrs. Judicial Committee of  
the 1<sup>st</sup> Div. of Philadelphia Soc.

Being detained by urgent  
business, I was not present at  
opening of the last meeting. I therefore  
beseech you to hear my prayer and  
relieve me from the unpleasant  
sensation of a fine.

I am, Sirs, yours truly

Wm. H. Walker



Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, 1854.

The met according to adj<sup>d</sup>. Called to order by the President, Roll was called and Journal read by Secretary, &c. As it was necessary to elect <sup>Officers</sup> for Spring Term, the ~~the~~ regular exercises of the evening were dispensed with and the Soc proceeded to the <sup>election</sup> of the following Officers, Pres, Boardman, Vice President, Allen Secretary Addy, Jud. Com: 1<sup>st</sup> Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wetherby, 3<sup>rd</sup> Warren, Critic Mead:—

Each of the Officers delivered a sublime & fiery speech on the occasion, the shrill clarion of the cock was often heard ~~and arose~~ Appointments were taken for next Term as follows, Debate, Austin, Foster, C. M. Mead, Tenny, Composition, Train, where there arose a general confusion, amidst which the Soc adj<sup>d</sup>. sine die, This is my last will and testament.

J. H. Davis Sec

Order of Exercises for Nov 14/1855.  
1<sup>st</sup> Essay by Train,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Discussion of the following question

Davis Sec



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March; 9<sup>th</sup> 1855

The Division met at the usual hour, and was called to order by the Pres. Roll was called, and Journal read. The regular exercises of the evening were dispensed with. ~~Appointments were~~ A Motion was made and Seconded for C. M. Mead to deliver an extemporaneous speech. That gentleman acquitted himself in such a manner as to receive the applause of the assembly. Appointments were then taken for two weeks as follows:—Debate, M. L. Mead, Labaree, Ambrose, Walter. Essayist, Wild, <sup>For 3<sup>rd</sup> week</sup> Poet, Davis. There being no further business to transact, the Soc. adjourned.

W. Addy. Secy

Order of Exercises for Mar. 14<sup>th</sup> 1855

1<sup>st</sup> Discussion of the Following Question

"Would the dissolution of the Union be preferable to the further extension of slavery

Aff.  
~~Carroll~~  
Foster  
Allen.

Neg.  
~~Lenny~~ Metherby  
C. M. Mead.

2<sup>nd</sup> Essayist Davis.

M. L. Secy



March 14<sup>th</sup> 1855

The ~~Division~~ was called to order at the usual hour by the President. The Sec. being absent Wild was appointed Sec pro tem. The roll was called, and the journal of last meeting read.

The judicial Committee made no report. Train was called upon for an essay, but ~~failed~~. Then followed the discussion of the question in which deep thought and ready wit were displayed.

The question was then decided in the Aff. by the house. Davis ~~being repeatedly called to order but still persisting~~ for ~~in~~ disorder was fined ~~at~~ fifty cents ~~was imposed upon~~ by the Pres.

There being no miscellaneous business before the house appointments were taken for two weeks as follows: For Debate Barnum, B. Kellogg, H. M. Kellogg, and Train; Essay Dutton. A motion was then made to adjourn which after some discussion was carried.

### Order of Exercises for March 20

1<sup>st</sup> Essay ~~by~~ Wild

2<sup>d</sup> Discussion of the following question:  
Is the present state of the Eastern war hopeless to the Western Powers?

Disputants

Aff.	{	Walker	}	Ambrose
		M. L. Mead Neg		Seaboard

A. W. Wild Sec. pro tem



March 21<sup>st</sup> 1855

The Division met at the usual hour, and was called to order by the President. The roll was called, and the journal read, by the Sec. Pro tem. The report of the Judicial Committee was read, then a motion was made and carried that the exercises of the evening be dispensed with after the reading of the composition, after which a composition was read by Wild.

Appointments were then taken for two weeks, as follows: Debate, Johnson, M. L. Mead, Warren, Walker; Essay, B. Kellogg. There being no further business presented the Soc. adjourned.

Order of Exercises for March 28<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Essay by Dutton.

2<sup>d</sup> Poem by Davis.

3<sup>d</sup> Discussion of the following question  
Ought Know Nothingism to form the controlling element in American politics?

Disputants

Aff. {	Train,	Neg {	B. Kellogg.
	W. H. Walker.		H. Barnum

A. W. Wild Sec. Pro tem.



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March 28<sup>th</sup> 1855

The meeting was called to order at the appointed hour by the President. The roll was called and the records of the previous meeting read. There was no Judicial nor critics report.

A motion was made to dispense with all the exercises of the evening except the poem, which was lost. Then followed the reading of an Essay by Lutton, and a Poem by Davis, after which came the discussion of the question. Barnum failing to fulfill his appointment upon debate, E. Kellogg was appointed by the chair as a substitute, who also failed.

A motion was made and carried for B. Kellogg to occupy the whole time allotted to the negation. The question was decided by the house in the Neg. The report of the verbal critic was then made, after which appointments were taken as follows; For Debate, <sup>Allen</sup> ~~Davis~~, Wild, Ambrose, Train, Essayist Walker; Doct for three weeks B. Kellogg. The Society then adjourned.

Order of Exercises for April 4<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Composition by B. Kellogg.

2<sup>d</sup> Discussion of the following question  
Is the will of God the ultimate standard of right and wrong?

Disputants

Aff. { Johnson  
Warren

Neg. {

M. S. Mead  
Walker

At. W. Wild

Sec. Protem

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April, 4<sup>th</sup>; 1855.

The Division was called to order, at the usual hour, by the President. The Roll was then called, and the Journal of the previous meeting read. Neither the Judicial Committee or the Critic made any report. A motion was made to adjourn, which was withdrawn. A motion was then made to dispense with ~~the~~ the Exercises of the evening, essay excepted, which was carried. An Essay was then read by W. B. Kellogg. Appointments were then taken for two weeks as follows:— Disputants:— Walker, Train, Dutton, Davis.; Essayist:— Addy. Society then adjourned.

W. Addy  
Secretary

### Order of Exercises for Apl. 11-1855

1<sup>st</sup> Essayist:— Walker.  
2<sup>d</sup> Discussion of the Following Question.

"Would it be expedient for Congress to pass a law, granting a certain amount of public land to any one living permanently upon the same for ten years?"

Wild  
Train

Reg.  
S. Allen  
Ambrose

W. A. Sec.







to the house and lost, it requiring a two thirds vote; 3 voting against and 8 for the motion. The Soc. then adjourned as usual.

Order of Exercises for June 6th

Question

Resolved that a farther continuation of meetings during this term would be inexpedient.

Speakers

Austin

Walker

Wetherby

Ambrose

Key

Composition. Train

A. W. Wild Sec Protem

July 9<sup>th</sup> 1853

The Soc met according to adjournment of May 30<sup>th</sup> called to order by Vice President: The Roll was called by Davis elected Sec Pro tem by the unanimous vote of the house. The object of the meeting being to elect officers for the coming year, the house forthwith proceeded to do up the business. The election was as follows. Pres. C. M. Mead. Vice President - Davis. Sec. Barnum. 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial Foster 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Addy. 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Sutton. Critic Sabree. Appointments were then taken for the second week in the succeeding term as follows Debate Austin, Sabree, Tenny & W. H. Walker, Composition W. H. Kellogg. For the third week, Poet. Shanghai alias All-hen Tenny who not being as well acquainted with the versification of language as his contemporary Roanoke of Virginia, concluded to submit his case to old Eradix of New Hampshire, whom we understand is more skillful in the delineation of character than his



otherwise talented son Lime of the aforesaid Granite  
State. During the meeting Honorable Sec Roanoke of  
Virginia ~~attempted~~ made several abortive attempts to  
quell the increasing agitation of the members. But he  
the aforesaid Sec was treated in such an unseemly  
manner by him the aforesaid President that the aforesaid  
Sec told the aforesaid Pres that if he the aforesaid Pres  
did not alter his mode of action towards the aforesaid Sec  
that he the aforesaid Sec would throw up his staff of office  
and leave the aforesaid Pres to agitate the cause of law & order by  
himself. There being no further business the Soc adjourned  
amidst the yells of the increasing mob and the silent tears  
of dying order. I remain Gentlemen Yours with much respect  
Thomas, H. Davis  
Sec Pro Tem

Order of Exercises for Sept-12<sup>th</sup> 1858.  
1<sup>st</sup> Composition N. M. Kellogg.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Discussion of the following Question.

Resolved: that Free Trade is more beneficial to a  
nation than Protection!

Speakers  
Aff { Walker }  
Neg { Austin }  
      { Perry }  
      { Leabaset. }  
      { Thomas H. Davis }  
Sec pro tem



A Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> 1855

The Division met according to adjournment, and was called to order by the President. The roll was called and journal read by the Secretary. The Judicial Com. then reported, after which, there being no Discussion for this meeting, appointments were taken for two weeks as follows: Debate, Foster, Wetherby, Wild & B Kellogg, Essayist W H Walker. There being no further business before the Division, a motion was made & carried to adjourn one week.

Order of Exercises for Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 1855  
 1<sup>st</sup> Essay W H Walker  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Poem Benny  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Discussion of the following Question.

Aff. } } Neg. } }  
 W M Barnum  
 Sec'y

Call of First Division Sept 12<sup>th</sup> 1855

The Division met at the usual time & place and was called to order by the President. The roll was called and journal read by the Secretary. The report of the Judicial Committee was then presented. As W Kellogg being absent, no essay was read. Austin then made a motion to dispense with the Discussion of the question which had been selected for this evening and appointments were taken for two



weeks as follows, Debate; Austin Allen, Labaser  
 and E Kellogg. Essayist W H Walker, & Austin  
 then proposed the following question for volunteer  
 discussion, Resolved, "that the aspects of the times  
 are unfavorable to the prosperity of our country".  
 The question was accepted, and was very ably,  
 and thoroughly discussed by the following  
 Gentlemen, Austin Ambrose, John Dutton,  
 and Fredington Off, and Allen Labaser, Walker,  
 B Kellogg, Marston, Thompson, and Caldwell Neg.  
 The discussion was highly interesting, and was  
 entered into with great spirit by the disputants.  
 Many sound and able arguments were advanced  
 pro & con, and some points were hotly contested  
 with much tenacity. After a protracted discus-  
 sion a motion was made and carried to adjourn  
 one week from date.

Order of Exercises for Sept 26<sup>th</sup> 1853  
 1<sup>st</sup> Essay by W H Walker  
 2<sup>d</sup> Discussion of following Question viz:  
 Resolved that a protective tariff  
 is beneficial to a nation.

Aff. { Labaser } Neg { Austin }

W M Barnum  
 Sec'y

Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 1853  
 The Division met according to ad-  
 journment, the roll was called and journal read.  
 The Judicial Committee then presented their  
 report. W H Walker being absent no essay  
 was read. Gerry also failed to read a  
 Poem according to appointment.



The Disputants not agreeing upon any question.  
 there was no debate, and appointments were  
 taken for two weeks as follows, Debate; Dewey  
 Ambrose Thompson & Wetherby, Essayist,  
 Ambrose. Poet for three weeks Dewey.  
 There being no further business the  
 Division adjourned one week,

Order of Exercises for Oct 30 1853  
 1<sup>st</sup> Essay by Ambrose  
 2<sup>d</sup> Discussion of following Question viz:

Aff }

} Neg. }

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W M Barnum  
 Sec'y